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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09 849,529

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Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants**

Inventors: Karen L. FINCHER *et al.*

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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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